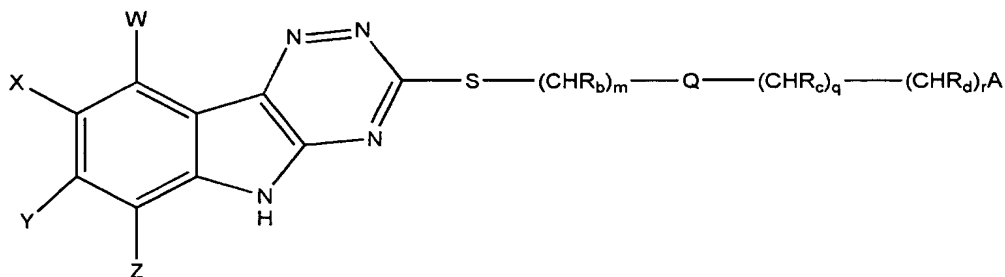


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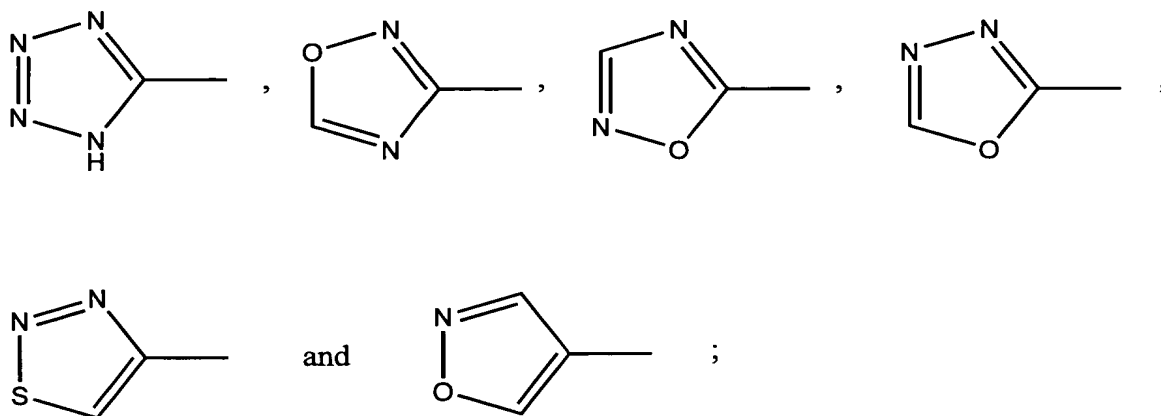
Please cancel claims 1-8.

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A compound having the formula:



wherein A represents a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, Q represents a linking moiety selected from the group consisting of $-S-$, $-(SO)-$, $-(SO_2)-$ or a valence bond; R_b , R_c and R_d independently represent H, alkyl (C_1-C_4), substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or $COOR$, R being hydrogen or alkyl (C_1-C_6); m is an integer from 0 to 6; and q and r are independently integers from 0 to 4; said phenyl substituents and the W, X, Y, and Z substituents being selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl (C_1-C_6), substituted or unsubstituted aryl (C_6-C_{15}), substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl (C_7-C_{15}), halogen, CF_3 , CN, O-alkyl (C_1-C_6), acyloxy (C_1-C_6 acyl), S-alkyl (C_1-C_6), SO-alkyl (C_1-C_6), SO_2 -alkyl (C_1-C_6), NH_2SO_2 , NO_2 , NH_2 , NHR' , $NR'R''$, alkyl $COOR'$, $COOR'$, alkyl $CONR'R''$, $CONR'R''$,



R' and R" being independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or alkyl (C₁-C₆), and the isomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compound.

10. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 9 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of a solid comprising said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

12. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 10 in the form of a liquid comprising said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

13. (New) A composition as claimed in claim 10, in dosage unit form comprising per unit about 0.1 to about 50 mg. of said compound.

14. (New) A method of treating mammalian cells in culture that are susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pestivirus, said method comprising administering to said cultures an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.

15. (New) A method for the in vitro treatment of biological material that is susceptible to infection by, or infected or contaminated with a pestivirus, said method comprising treating said material with an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.